Expansion Plan for growing traffic in Kandla Port

2461. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kandla Port Authorities have drawn up a massive expansion plan so to cope with the fast growth in traffic;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure to be incurred thereon;

(c) Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) the financial assistance provided during the Eighth Plan period for the purpose and proposed to be provided during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Kandla Port Trust has proposed 9th Five Year Plan outlay of Rs. 860.79 crores which consists of 98 schemes Broad classification of schemes is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

	No. of Scheme	Amount
(i) Expansion/Additional capacities	44	555.50
(ii) Replacement/Modernisation	37	269.61
(iii) Ancillary/Additional	17	35.68
	98	860.79

The year wise phasing of the 9th Five Year Plan is as below:—

1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
85.08	249.74	222.78	166.22	136.97

(c) and (d) No financial assistance was provided nor proposed to be provided to Kandla Port Trust during 8th Five Year Plan and 9th Five Year Plan respectively by the Government since all the Plan expenditure/expansion programmes to be financed by Kandla Port Trust out of its own internal resources.

National Road Safety Policy

2462. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Road Safety Policy has since been finalised by the representatives from the States and the Centre;

(b) if so, what are the broad features of this policy;

(c) whether the policy has envisaged steps to bring down the fatality rate in road accidents and to reduce the number of accidents; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) The National Road Safety Council which met recently has formulated an action programme on road safety which requires action on the part of Central/State Governments and voluntary agencies.

(b) The broad features of the action programme are to reduce road accidents and fatalities by the year 2001 AD.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The steps proposed to bring down fatalities and road accidents include improving safety culture among drivers/pedestrians, to promote motor driving schools, strict enforcement of regulations relating to issue of vehicle fitness certificates, developing wayside amenities, deterrent punishment for traffic offences, encouraging NGOs to promote road safety, etc. etc.

Allotment of land at Cochin Port for handling cement

2463. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cochin Port Trust invited tenders in 1995 for priority Berthing and allotment of land at Cochin Port for handling cement;

(b) if so, what was the recommendations of the Evaluation Committee;

(c) whether the Cochin Port Trust approved the recommendations of the Evaluation Committee and forwarded to Government for concurrence; and

(d) if so, the details of the recommendations of the Cochin Port Trust and the decision taken by Government on it?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Cochin Port Trust issued Press Advertisement for creation of Cement handling facilities during November, 1994.

(b) to (d). The Cochin Port Trust Board recommended two proposals for approval received in response to the same Advertisement. One proposal was rejected on technical grounds and the other was turned down in view of environmental consideration and opposition of the State Government.

Allocation of funds to Regional Textile Commission for payment under TWRF Scheme

2464. SHRI RAMJILAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated to the Regional Textile Commission by the competent authority for payment under TWRF Scheme, since the inception of this scheme, year-wise;

(b) the details of the competent authority in this regard; and

(c) the details of the requests for funds, pending with the Textile Commission Bombay which have been received from the Regional Textile Commission, Amritsar?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R. L. JALAPPA): (a) Statement is attached. (*See* below)

(b) Textile Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles is the competent authority.

(c) No request for funds relating to the private sector to which the TWRF Scheme is applicable is pending with Textile Commissioner, Mumbai.

Statement

Textile Commissioner, Mumbai has allocated funds under TWRFS to Regional Offices of Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Coimbatore and Mumbai.